

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>17 June 1968<br>2030 EDT 18/0030Z                                      | 2. LOCATION<br>BRANDENTON, FLORIDA<br>2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3. SOURCE<br>CIVILIAN                                                                          | 10. CONCLUSION<br>OTHER (POSSIBLE SATELLITE DEBRIS DECAY)<br>The object could be either a meteor or some satellite decay. There were four different objects that decayed on 18 Jun 68 1200Z + 12 hrs. Some Explorer 20 debris, OPS #5138 payload, OV3-6 debris and Cox 189 debris. |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one                                                                    | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>The observer sighted an object that was similar to a meteor except that it traveled along the horizon.                                                                                                                                           |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>seven seconds                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>ground visual                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 7. COURSE<br>--                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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RETURN TO:

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17-31 Jun  
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23 May 68  
17 Jun 68

2 AUG 1968

TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/1 Aug 68

UFO Observations, 23 May 68 & 17 Jun 68

~~██████████~~, West  
Bradenton, Florida 33505

1. This replies to your undated letter which we received on 23 July 1968. Your sightings of 23 May and 17 June 1968 are over thirty days old, and as such, would be extremely hard to evaluate. For this reason, we suggest that if you ever sight another UFO, you should report it to the nearest Air Force base. Each base has an UFO investigator, who is in a better position to make an on-the-spot investigation which usually results in a more accurate analysis.
2. Your sighting of 17 June 1968 appears to be very similar to either a meteor observation or satellite debris decaying into the atmosphere. On this date there were four such decays of which one may have been responsible for your observation.
3. Although your sighting occurred over thirty days ago, we would appreciate your completing the inclosed AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. By doing so, we will be able to file your sighting for information purposes which may be of assistance in evaluating other reports.
4. Thank you for reporting your observations to the Air Force.

~~██████████~~ DIRECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office  
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Production Directorate

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AF Form 117 w/envelope

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Explora #20 debris 6/17/68  
Ops # 5138 payload 6/17/68  
OV3-6 debris 6/18/68  
Coz #189 debris 6/18/68

Jun  
17~~18~~ 68  
(8:30 pm EDT is ~~8~~ equiv. to  
0030Z 18~~17~~ Jun 68)

A.M.

Both his  
sightings of  
23 May + 17 June  
sounded like meteor  
~~or~~ or re-entries.

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postmarked 23 July 1968

Dear Sir:

1.

On May 23, 1968 I observed something very unusual. I was outside my home at about 8:00 in the evening observing the constellation Leo. At about ~~30~~  $30^{\circ}$  above the horizon a brilliant white light appeared. Its magnitude was brighter than the magnitude of Regulus, which was the brightest star in the sky at that time. It stayed bright for ~~five~~ five seconds then it suddenly exploded and orange fragments fell to the earth and looked as if they landed on the earth. The whole incident took about ten seconds.

After the whole occurrence I went into the house trying to figure out what it was. It wasn't a meteor because it didn't fall from the sky, it

just appeared, it wasn't an airplane because if it was it would of been in all the papers. It wasn't a firework because it didn't shoot up from the ground and it wasn't any special occasion to have fireworks.

About three miles from my house there is a shopping complex called Cortez Plaza and the object looked as if it exploded about ~~20°~~ above the complex. The object could of been further away because three seconds elapsed between the time I saw the object explode and the time I heard the explosion. The sound of the explosion sounded like the sound of a jet taking off. There were very few clouds in the sky, the air was dry

and warm, there was no moon.

The object which I saw had no flight characteristics or angular velocity. When the object appeared it was a bright white, and the fragments after it exploded didn't look as if they were on fire but just glowed an orange color.

On June 17, 1968 my friend and I observed another occurrence. It was around 8:30 and my friend and I were stargazing, when we both saw about  $60^\circ$  above the horizon what looked like a meteor because it had a tail, but it didn't fall like a meteor, but, traveled along the horizon. The object was white and the tail was white with a very slight tint of yellow. The object moved in

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a straight line about ~~50°~~ <sup>50°</sup> then disappeared. While my friend and I were watching the object something peculiar happened. Where the object and tail met three little objects fell off the solid object and went into the tail and ~~disappeared~~ disappeared the whole occurrence took about 7 seconds. Enclosed is a picture of what my friend and I saw. If you have any idea of what either of the objects which ~~I~~ I saw was please let me know because personally I'm puzzled. Both objects were ~~about~~ the size of a matchhead held out at arms length, both had the magnitude of the star Sirius, the first object just appeared in the north and the second object moved from west

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to cast. If you need any more  
information in evaluating what  
I saw please let me know and  
I will be happy to give it to you.  
I would of wrote sooner but  
I didn't think any body would  
believe me.

Sincerely,

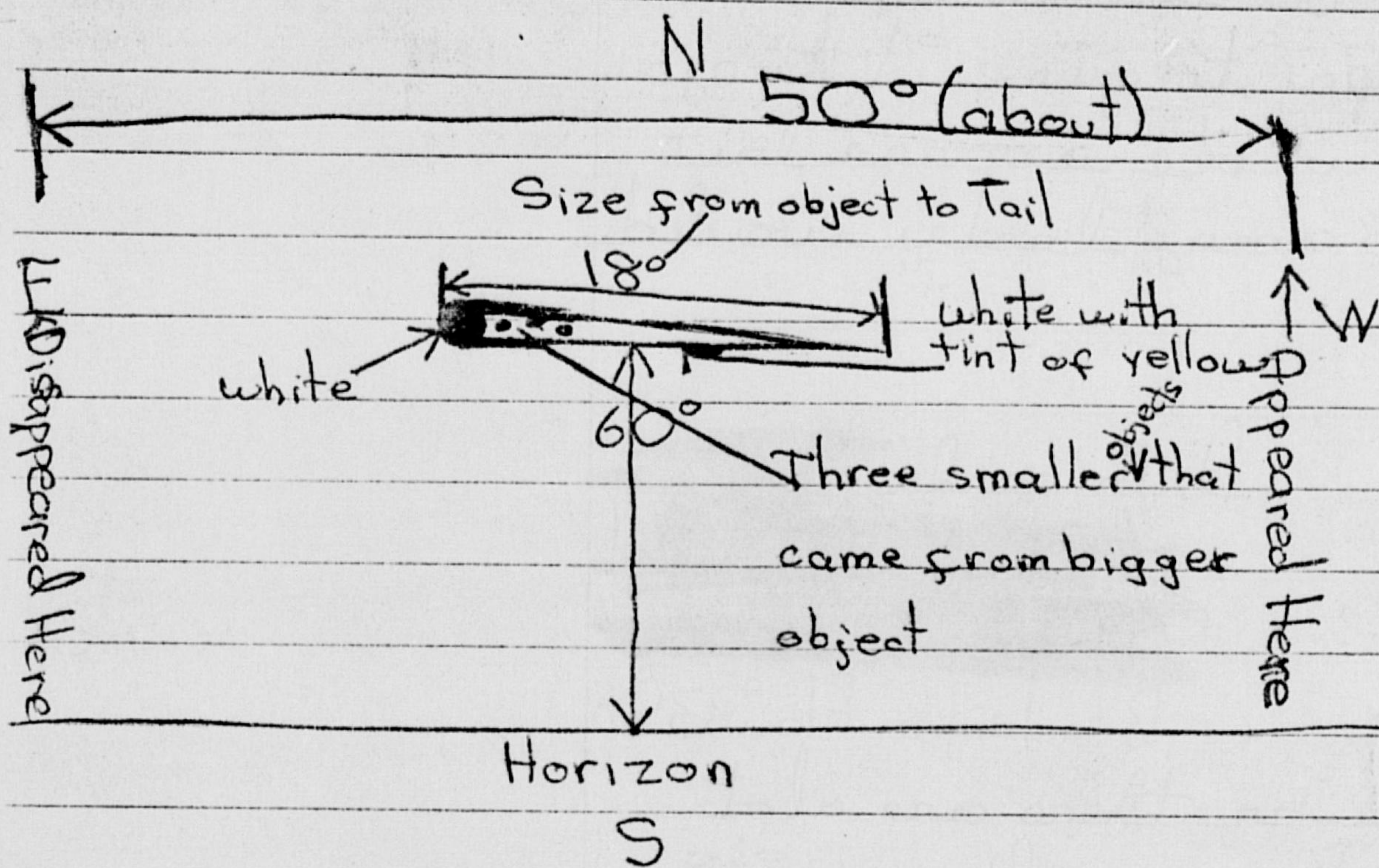
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Bradenton Fla. #33505

P.S. The reason why there are alot  
of mistakes is because I'm writing  
with my friend and ~~he~~ he's cor-  
recting my mistakes.

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What my friend and I saw



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